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SUBJECT: MOSVOLD CO.

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1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL, EMBOFF DELIVERED INFORMATION AUGUST 20 TO PER A. TOLLEFSEN, FIRST SECRETARY, NORWEGIAN EMBASSY. AMBASSADOR ANDRESEN AWAY FROM NAIROBI TODAY. WHILE TOLLEFSEN SEEMED IN GENERAL WELL INFORMED ABOUT MOSVOLD CASE, HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR DETAILS. HE CONFIRMED MOST OF BAGLE'S REPLIES TO EPMG CHARGES AND ADMITTED THAT FORMER GENERAL MANAGER HAD LEFT COUNTRY ILLEGALLY, THAT HE MAY HAVE DESTROYED DOCUMENTS AND OPENED FOREIGN BANK ACCOUNT WITHOUT PERMISSION, AND THAT, IN MINOR INSTANCES, MOSVOLD HAD CONDUCTED ITS AFFAIRS POORLY.

2. AT SAME TIME, TOLLEFSEN SAID, EPMG HAD SO FAR NOT DOCUMENTED ANY OF ITS VAGUE CHARGES. TOLLEFSEN SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH ETHIOPIAN NEWSPAPER REPORTER

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TO ASK HIM NOT TO PRINT UNJUSTIFIED ACCUSATIONS BUT

REPORTER REPLIED HE WAS UNDER ORDERS. NORWEGIAN
EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT CONFISCATION,
SINCE NORWAY HAS VIRTUALLY NO INFLUENCE IN ETHIOPIA.
TOLLEFSEN THOUGHT IT WOULD BE EXCELLENT IDEA FOR
MR. WILSON TO COMMUNICATE WITH MOSVOLD EXECUTIVES
IN OSLO AND HE WILL CABLE MOSVOLD IN OSLO THAT MR. WILSON
IS COMING.

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